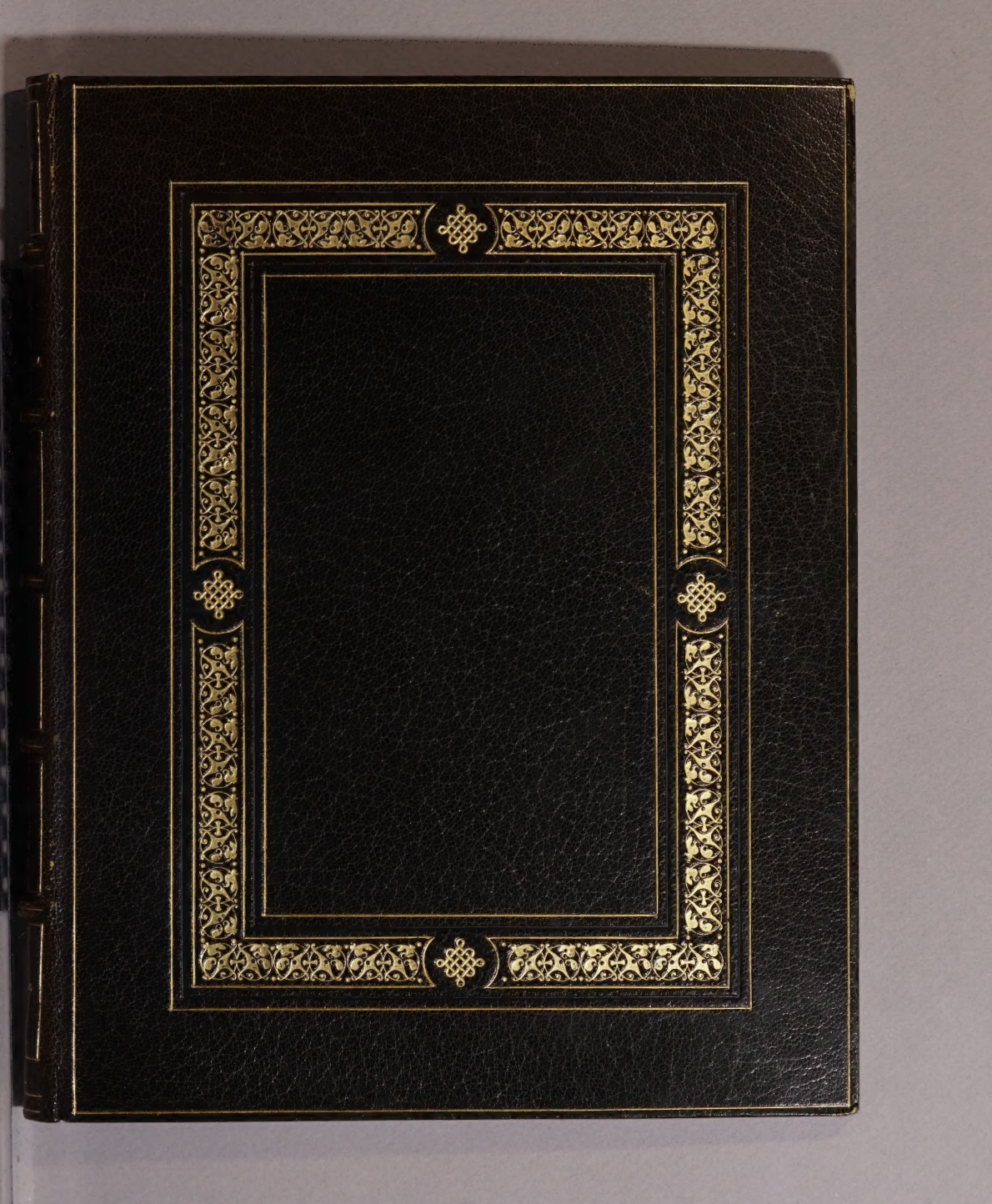

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A true DESCRIPTION OF CAROLINA.

Carolina is part of the Main in *America*, and so much celebrated by Monsieur *Laudonere*, that he entitles it *Florida*, because of her florid, and fragrant Fields, imbellish'd with Flowers, that perfume the Air: whose sweet Scituations, by reason of most delicious and pleasant Meadows (and flourishing Savana's) adorn the Continent; and whose benevolent Breast sends daily Supplies to the Planter, and hourly Relief to the poor and necessitous Native: whose spacious Arms (as if circulating the Ocean) proclaims her Shores Sanctuary to distressed Mariners; and a generous protection to deplorable Seamen, that sollicit refreshment from her replenish'd Harbours, which extend themselves southward to the River St. *Mattheo*, so dilates to *Luck Island*, near *Roanoack* on the promontories of *Virginia*, in thirty six degrees North Latitude (now called *Albemarle*) a large and spacious settlement consisting of some two or three thousand Inhabitants, upon a fertil Soil.

But the late and flourishing settlement lies yet more Southerly, in and about 32 Degrees, odd Minutes; parallel with *Jerusalem* in *Palestine*: and equals the heighth of *Bermudos*, upon the navigable Rivers of *Cooper*, and *Ashly*; formerly known by the Names of *Wando* and *Kiawah*.

This is that famous *Carolina*, which his Majesty the King of *Great Britain* has united to his Imperial Crown, and by his Royal Grant established it a Province; and has dignified it a Principality: which by consent amongst the Lords is transferr'd to the eldest Proprietor. But the Proprietors are eight in number, and their Names and Titles as followeth. Lord Chancellor *Clarendon*, Lord Duke *Albemarle*, Earl of *Craven*, Lord *Anthony Ashly Cooper* Earl of *Shaftsbury*, *John* Lord *Berkley*, Sir *George Carteret*, Sir *William Berkley*, and Sir *John Colleton* Kt. and Bar. These are the Lords Proprietors, whose Laws and Government (because to proceed in my Description) is suspended till farther Opportunity presents to usher them in.

The Heavens shine upon this famous Country the soveraign Ray of health; and has blest it with a serene Air, and a lofty Skie, that defends it from noxious Infection; nor is there any known Distemper incident to the Inhabitant whereby to terrify and affright him; who for the most part lives by the Law of Plenty, extended to the utmost limits of Sanity.

Several Families have transported themselves from the Ports of *Barbadoes*, but what from the rest of the *Caribbies*, I know not: yet am credibly inform'd (and from very good hands) that divers are gone, and going from thence: as also from *New-Providence*, *Bermudus*, *New-York*, *New-Jersey*, *New-England*, *Long-Island De-la-ware*, *Maryland* and *Virginia*; but great num-

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bers from *Scotland*, and ſeveral from the borders of *Ireland*: beſides divers good Ships, with ſome eminent Families that are lately gone off from the Kingdom of *England*. Moreover, its a ſalubrious Air to the ſick, and diſeaſed; and a generous retirement to neceſſitous, and abject Families; as alſo the aſſurance of ſuch as ſtudy to be rich: Engins ſtrong enough one would think to induce Mankind to hope the proſperity of this famous Settlement.

But the ſettlement of *Albemarle* (otherwiſe called *Roanoak*) preſents firſt to our view; and is the oldeſt, and remoteſt Northern County in the fair Province of *Carolina*; ſcituated about 35 Degrees, and odd Minutes North Latitude: from whoſe repleniſhed Meadows (as alſo from the more Southern Inhabitants) as good Beef, and Pork is ſaved, and ſent off to *Barbadoes*, and other the *Charibbee* Iſlands, as Art and Induſtry can husband.

Now *Aſhley* County is yet more ſouthward, and lies ſcituated 32 degrees, 45 minutes; where the Setlers and Inhabitants toil not in Summer to accommodate themſelves with Winter's Proviſion: becauſe hitherto they have conſidered it uſeleſs, and altogether unneceſſary for the Planter to employ his Hands, and Strength, where Nature ſo liberally ſtocks them with Herbage: and the Winter, becauſe ſo ſoftned with a moderate Air, repreſents it much of the caſt and temperament with our *March* in *England*; and that's as much as to conſider it the relique only of a mild and ſhort Winter, or rather the ſurprizal of an approaching Spring, that breaths forth to iniciate the Summer. And here it is that their Ships are built, and dreſt up by *Bermudian* hands, the moſt approved Mariners; and a general Errour if not the beſt navigating Ships in *America*.

And now by way of Advice, the firſt thing requiſit and neceſſary for the Setler to embrace, is to fell Timber, and to clear the Ground (which is reaſonably undertaken, as by an *Advertiſement* in the laſt Paragraph) as ſome already have done, and planted *Potatoes*, the *Caſſaida Root*, *Yams*, *Eddies*, *Carrots*, *Cabbidges*, *Onyons*, *Turnips*, *Parſnips*, *Shelots*, (but they grow naturally there) *Collyflowers*, *Artichokes*, *Muſk-Melons*, and *Water-Melons*; beſides *Wormwood*, *Nep*, *Scurvy-graſs*, *Rue*, *Meadſweet*, *Trefoil*, *Cinquefoil*, *Elecampane*, (*Annis*, *Cububs*, and *Cardamome Seeds*) *Radiſhes*, and *Horſe-Radiſhes*, *Mellelot*, *Angellica*, *Arch-Angel*, *Roſemary*, *Thime*, *Lettice*, *Spinage*, *Sweetmarjarum*, Summer, and Winter-*Savory*, *Endive*, *Succory*, *Hopps*, *Water-Creſſes*, *Cena*, and *China-Root*, with other *Druggs*, and *Saxafrage*, *Saſſafras*, and *Saſſaperrilla*: beſides divers other Vegitables without number.

Moreover, all ſorts of *Engliſh* Grane, as *Wheat*, *Rye*, *Barley*, *Peas*, *Beans*, *Oates*, *Lentills*, *Fitches*, and *Indian* Corn, with other *European* and *American* Roots, and Plants; which *Carolina* beyond diſpute with ſmall induſtry will produce as large, and as good as the World has.

The next thing worthy our conſideration, is their plentiful Eating; becauſe having their accommodation very cheap within themſelves; where Beef two years ſince was ſold at 12 *s.* a 100, and Pork at the rate of 16 *s.* So that Cattel (you may read) begins to be plentiful, and Hoggs of a prodigious encreaſe. And moſt of thoſe Cattel very fair, and large-headed Beaſts, now grazing up and down in beautiful *Savana's*, little or nothing inferiour to our *Engliſh* Meadows: there are ſeveral induſtrious Setlers, and Planters, that proſper very well, tho not having much to begin with.

Moreover, there are Barrows (which by reaſon of the ſuperabundant plenty of Maſt, and Roots in thoſe parts) that ſome have weighed three or four hundred weight a-piece, and ſuch had the Lady *Yeomans*, as I am credibly informed, who had 400 Hoggs in a Herd, and 500 Turkies in a Drove; beſides Dunghil Fowls too numerous to relate without ſuſpition. And which Plantation of hers, conſiſting of 1500 Acres, was by the induſtry of one Mr. *James Moore* (an *Engliſh* Gentleman) cleared from Charge in ſome three years time, and with the

natural produce of the Country only; which amplifies the great fertility of the
gether with the encreafe of Beef, and Pork, which if well faved, and fent off to
(as fome has already been fent to *Barbadoes*) muft of neceffity bring in confider

Upon Honey fome have ftrong Inclinations, when becaufe having fuch variet
(and Bloffoms) that invites to accommodate the Laborious Bee; where, as b
they become fo prolifick, as frequently to fwarm four times in a year; and fuch
creafe from one fingle Hive, brought over from *Bermudus* (*tho half of them wer*
that within lefs than two full years, Captain *Morris Matthews* (*an induftrious Ge*
manages Lieutenant Colonel James Colleton's *Plantation*) had a produce of more tha
befides a *Preſentation* made to the *Governour* and others.

The *Indian Natives* get a fweet Oil out of the *Hickery Nutt*, which is much c
of our *Engliſh Walnut*, but not fo racy, nor the Kernel fo plump and pleafant;
they fell for Beads and Trifles of little or no value: which Oil may be much mo
and fubftituted in lieu of *Oil Olives*. So that the ftaple Commodities of *Car*
Wine, *Oil*, *Silk*, *Hides*, *Wool*, *Tallow*, *Honey*, *Bees-Wex*, *Tobacco*, *Hemp*, *Flax*, *Linn*
Cloth, *Pitch*, *Tar*, *Cordage*, and *Maſts for Shipping*.

Here are very tall, large, and ſtreight Timber-Trees (*the World has not better*
the *Aſh*; the *White*, the *Red* and the *Live Oak*: but the *Cyprus Tree* grows to an
neſs, as alſo the *Walnut*, and *Hickery* or *American Walnut* already expreſt. H
ſtately and tall *Cedars*, both White, and Red, that cover the Earth. And the
Aſp, and *Poplar*, that grow to an incredible magnitude: beſides ſeveral other
that I cannot at preſent remember. There is alſo the *Birch*, the *Beech*, the *Will*
the *Alder*, the *Elm*, the *Sicamore*, the *Mulberry*, and the *Figg-Tree*; but the
where: and the *Maligatoon*, and *Peach* is common, without Cultivation; yet no
Fruit is obſerved in *Europe* than what naturally grows wild in *America*. *Vines*
themſelves to inamour the Trees in every Wood: and *Strawberries* ſtrew themſ
Fields. But *Violets*, I had almoſt forgot them, becauſe the Inhabitants depreſs th
ing them under foot; yet they, with various other Flowers, perfume the Air. A
ſprout up ſo plentifully in every Plantation, that the Planters themſelves are th
with to make Fences. And where all other Roots and Fruit-Trees thrive to
the *Orange Trees*, *Limon Trees*, and *China Orange Trees*, *Quince Trees*, *Cherry Trees*
Pear Trees, and *Prickle Pears*, that bear twice a year. Then there's the *Almond*
over to plant, and *Tamarinds*, *Eldern*, *Goosberries*, *Curran Trees*, *Raſsberries*, *Pome-*
granats; and ſome ſay *Plantins*, and *Bonano's*. Certainly this Climate is deſtin
the Native *American*, and with the Bleſſings of Heaven to refreſh the ſolicitous

This I ſhould think (with other Advantages) were enough to compenſate the
and Induſtry of the Setlers, beſides the natural propenſity of Love the Natives h
Souls liv'd only in the Boſom of the *Engliſh* by natural Inſtinct, becauſe when to
themſelves and ſervices to fiſh, and hunt their Game for a Trifle; to fell Tim
Corn, and to gather in their Crop: as alſo to Pilot, and convey them from o
to another. So that in many reſpects, the ſimple poverty of theſe indigent Nat
the Law of Kind (and Humanity) to be ſweetned, and encouraged; if becauſe
ſider their moral Civility, and innate Simplicity: which I hope the *Engliſh* Inha
fortunate Southern Latitude will conſider, and mingle with ſo much Diſcretion,
tion of Piety, as not to contrive them Hypocrites (fatal to the Practice of *New-*
cauſe when deſigning to convert them to *Chriſtianity*.

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Here in these parts you may expect to meet with abundance of Navigable Ri
their Soundings I shall particularize more in my next; as also of their Rivulets,
staline Streams are clear and transparent. But their imbellish'd Meadows, fertil
ing Savana's, are guarded with pleasant and solitary Woods; besides delicious Fi
stures that direct to Admiration. Which to numerate, as also to frame a Catalo
rious Families of Fish, and their store; whose prodigious increase here to inse
However, some of them are *Shad*, *Sturgeon* and *Salmon*, omitting *Whale*, which
in these Seas; so is the *Seel* or *Selk*, the *Bottle-Nose*, and the *Porpus*, besides many o
Fish: but the *Shark* to admiration, wants Courage here, as indeed all other Ra
tures do, for if they see but the Face of an Infant, they immediatly fly. Anoth
Drum, *Porgee*, *Bass*, *Boneto*, *Dolphin*, *Albechore*, *Sheepsheads*, *Oldwives*, *Catfish*, *Cav*
and *Mullets* the largest in *America*. *Trout* also they have of two foot long, bes
the *Eel*, and the *Perch*; with several other fresh-water Fish omitted (without co
Catalogue. And their Shell-fish are *Crabbs*, better than those in *England*; but
have none that I hear of. However, *Cockles*, and *Mussles* they have; and Bank
tains of *Oysters* (and some with Pearl) that seem to barocade the Crieks. Beside
Prawns and *Shrimps*, in the brackish and salt Waters, but *Crawfish* in the freshes; v
rious Entertainments, both to the Native, and fortunate Planter. But their An
Turtle, *Bever*, *Otters*, *Manitee*, *Alegators*, &c.

And their Fleshes are *Beeves*, *Veals*, *Porks*, *Stagg*, and *Fallow Deer*, *Raccoons*, *Apos*
Lamb, *Kid*, *Hare*, *Rabit*, &c. But Ravenous Creatures are *Wolves*, *Foxes*, *Bears*, *Pan*
And their Venemous Creature is the *Rattlesnake*. Then there's Wild Fowl to
as *Signets*, *Swans*, and *Wild Turkies* of incredible weight, besides teems of *Geese*, a
sorts. There is *Pheasant* also, *Cranes*, and *Heronshaws*, the *Woodcock*, and *Teal*, wi
Poot, *Morefowl*, *Curlue*, and Covies of *Partridges*; besides *Plover* great store, gre
There also are *Turtle Doves*, *Feldivers*, *Sea Larks*, *Snade*, *Levericks*, *Widgins*, and
berless; besides the *Mockbird*, with diversity and variety of *Singing Birds*, and ot
Fowl, that I cannot accompt for. Moreover, they have plenty of Dunghil Fow
and *Hen*, the *Goose*, the *Turkey*, the *Muscovy* and *English Duck* and *Drake*. Wh
Savana's are crowded with *Deer*, and large and stately Herds of Cattel patrole t
as *Sheep* the pleasant Pastures; and where every Field is replenish'd with Corn,
Gardens in *Asia*, and *Europe* enriched with choice Stone Fruits; but *Almona*
Aprecock-Trees, *Malagatoons*, and the *Muslin Plumb* (the richest Stone Fruit in *Eng*
divers other Trees, as the *Bone Crittongon*, and the *Burgamy Pear*; besides *Pippi*
mains, *Golden Russitins*, *Harvey*, *Lady-finger*, and *Red-streak*, with various other
now sent over by the Honourable Sir *Peter Colleton* Bar. one of the *Lords Propri*
several Fruit-Trees, Flowers, and Roots, by divers other able *Gentlemen* and *M*
have already laid a Foundation in this Southern Latitude of *Carolina*.

Advertisement. There is one Mr. *Nathan Sumers* Engineer for *Carolina*, that hath underta
Engine of his own] with the *Lords Proprietors*, and others to unburden, and clear the Ground to
cation at 12 Pence a Tree, if not exceeding six Foot Diameter; and 6 *d.* a Tree from one Foot to
ches Diameter. And that the said *Proprietors* have contracted with the said *Sumers*, to secure to hi
the sole use and benefit of the said Invention, for 14 years, as certifyed.

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